

REASON IS NOT KNOWN FOR THE COMBINATION OF BOTH TRIBES

(Do you know why they were together?)

No, I don't. I really don't. I do know that they were combined at one time under, in fact they had treaties that made them one nation. And as I said they still had money, but ah, it was a joint account, and they divided it out about two years ago. 'Cause Vernon and I flipped, well we almost were going to flipped a coin to see who got the odd penny. (Laughter)

No, I have no idea why they were, why they were together. But there were some treaties that they made among themselves I believe, and of course, they elected their own officials.

(East tribe did separately?)

Oh, no, I think it was a joint, ah, a joint, from what I am able to read, I think it was a joint, most tribes went in and elected. They were elected exactly like a tribe.

(Was it here in Oklahoma?)

Yeah, here in Oklahoma.

(In Oklahoma?)

Here in Oklahoma, in fact right in this country because the Senecas are right here again us. We're on the Wyandot reservation now, but the Senecas are right here of course the Shawnee reservation is right up here about a half a mile. Some - they were together, well, I don't remember their little treaties, but ah, they are pretty easy to find. And why they were put together I don't know. But I do know, at one time, they were referred to as the Seneca-Shawnees.

(Why were they separated?)

I assume maybe the government might have recognized them as two separate tribes. Of course, the Senecas were a large tribe about that time. And the Shawnees only numbered about 212 and the census stated years ago and I think we're only 212 Shawnees living on the entire reservation.

(Where was the reservation?)